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Letter dated 2 October 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you in connection with the 2 x 9 Mechanism on Haiti, which brings together the Latin American countries contributing military and police personnel to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

In that connection, I transmit herewith the communiqué issued by the Governments of States members of the Mechanism (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could distribute this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Joint communiqué of the Governments of States members of the 2 x 9 Mechanism on Haiti

28 September 2009

The States members of the 2 x 9 Mechanism on Haiti agreed that the following considerations should be transmitted to the United Nations Secretary-General:

1. In its five years of activities, the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) has made a significant contribution to creating a secure and stable environment to support the Haitian State, which has facilitated unprecedented development in Haiti's political process. MINUSTAH has also contributed to building local State capacities, the development of international assistance and the beginning of a recovery in socio-economic development indicators. Nevertheless, the States members share the Secretary-General's assessment that the situation in Haiti remains fragile.

2. In the current circumstances, the international community should take action while considering the following elements in a coordinated way:

(a) In strengthening the efforts to achieve a secure environment, the work should progressively focus on Haitian institutional and socio-economic development in the interrelated areas of infrastructure, education, health, food security, job creation, the rule of law and human rights, taking into account the guidelines of the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy Paper developed by the Haitian Government. In that context, the United Nations system should also strengthen the coordination of its agencies and enhance the articulation of international assistance. Otherwise, the progress that has been achieved may be lost;

(b) Haiti is still in need of a peaceful, secure and stable environment and it is therefore particularly important to ensure that the national Government has the institutional capacity to manage its own security within a short space of time. Greater efforts should therefore be made to achieve the strategic objective of professionalizing the Haitian State's human resources, especially members of the judiciary and the Haitian National Police. The States members of the 2 x 9 Mechanism reaffirm their willingness to continue contributing to training of the Haitian National Police and in that connection, note that the Working Group on Coordination for Latin American Cooperation with the Haitian Police Force has already begun the process of preparing and reviewing the diagnostic report and plan of action for such cooperation;

(c) In that context, the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in document S/2009/439, including those relating to the reconfiguration of MINUSTAH forces, are appropriate and should be supported. It is also important to strengthen the Mission's dual capacities, which contribute to infrastructure development and Haitian capacity-building, thus reaffirming the multidimensional nature of the peace operation in Haiti;

(d) In October 2009, the mandate of MINUSTAH should be renewed for a period of one year.

3. It is recommended that the Secretary-General take into account the conclusions and recommendations of the Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti of the Economic and Social Council (E/2009/105), which emphasizes the importance of ensuring the efficiency of assistance, identifies the main substantive areas in which international assistance should be focused, and recommends exploring ways of maximizing the support provided by MINUSTAH to achieve greater synergy between the mandate of the Mission and Haitian development needs.

The States members of the 2 x 9 Mechanism request the Security Council to incorporate the criteria referred to in this document into the mandate of MINUSTAH.